

Around Europe in 104 Days

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Project Description:

During the Spring semester of 2018, I had the opportunity to study abroad at City, University of London. Through this process, I was able to take courses that contributed towards my actuarial science degree, travel to 13 different countries, and make long-lasting relationships around the world.



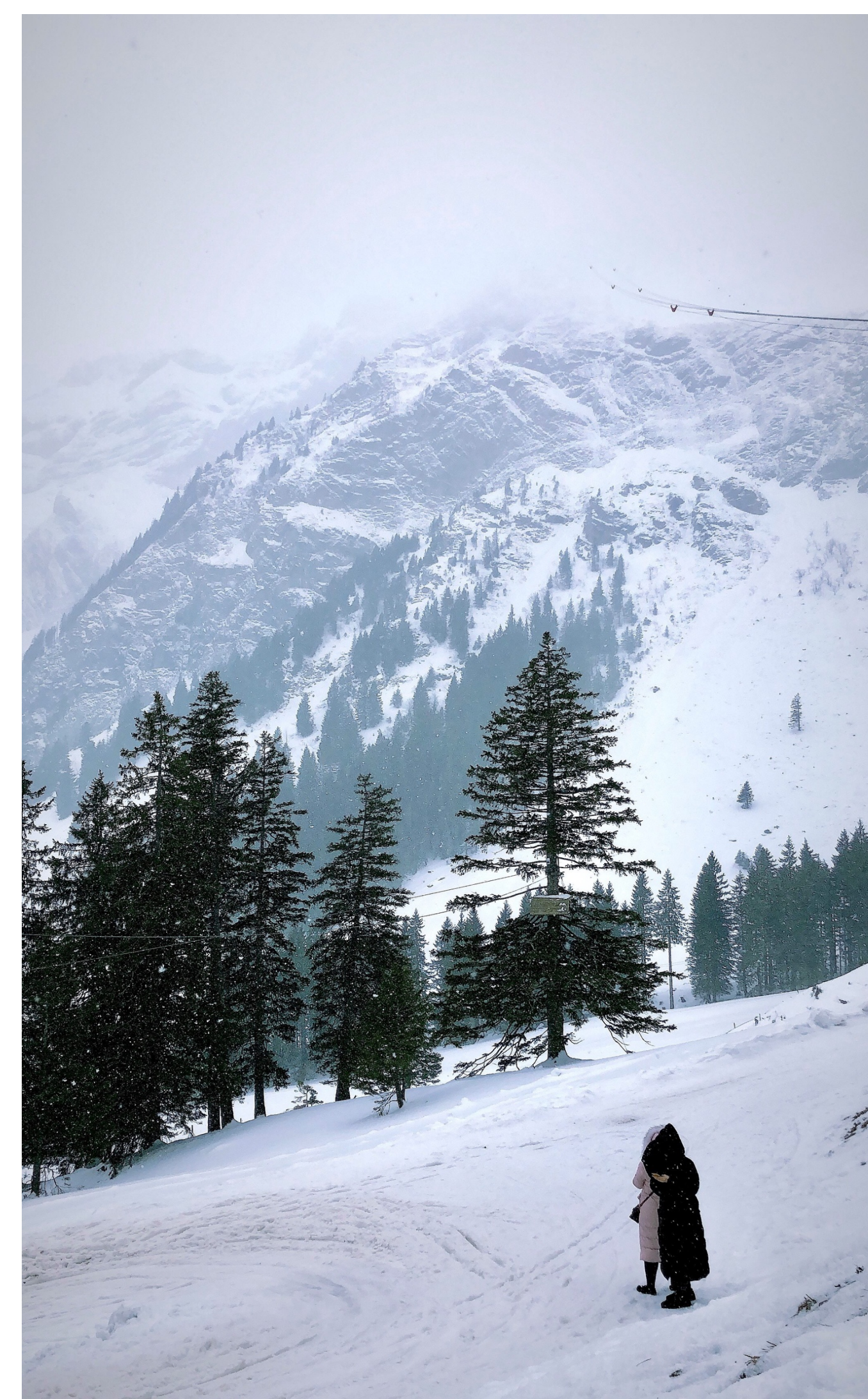
What Motivated Me to Select This Project?

I am a strong believer in pushing yourself to seek new experiences and get out of your comfort zone. I am originally from Chicago, but I chose to come to Ohio State because I wanted new experiences. In the same way, I chose London because I constantly wanted to broaden my life perspective and continue to gain new experiences.



What Was Transformational About My Project?

The most impactful skills that I gained were independence, self-confidence, and perspective. It was my first time not being with my family and friends for such a long stretch of time. I learned to be very independent in the sense where I had to take care of myself and not have anyone that I knew to assist me along the way. I had to embrace and be confident in myself when I met new people. As cliché as it may sound, I learned to really just love myself and I got to meet many people that also love me for me. Finally, traveling to 13 different countries allowed me to meet people from many different backgrounds and I was able to realize that the world is so large and there is much to learn and experience.



Favorite Part of the Experience:

The best part of my study abroad was meeting people from all over the world. My friend group consisted of some people from different parts of Europe, different parts of Asia, and Australia. It was interesting to hear their backgrounds and compare their life experiences to mine. Every Friday after we were done with classes, we would just hop on a plane and end up in a different European country for the weekend. Additionally, just spending that much time in London made it truly feel like it was a second home. I definitely can see myself being there again one day in my life.



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